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Dear Joshua,

thank you for all the material sent: the Interist one is being analyzed and taken care of by Giovanni now. Unfortunately I have been away until the 7th of January and managed to see him only on the 10th.

As to the Orme's paper: we can probably use some of our material to this aim, but not in a very near future. Re using American Men of science or NSF data: why not mail a questionnaire to them asking birth data of their brothers and sisters, as well as their present jobs (as a rough measure of their IQ)? It might only be done on a selected sample, i.e. N.A.S. members, or of physicists, or the like.

You should be able, however, to get from the Bureau of Census the numbers of births by month for several years backwards so as to test for secular variations, if any: there may be some. I do not know of social stratifications in this respect. There are country to country variations, in monthly birth rates: I am enclosing data from

*David III*

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WHO Annual epidemiological and vital statistics.

It will take another two or three weeks to have the programme for making analytical indexes working. I suspect what one may want, in addition, is a list of the papers which contain any of a selected number of keywords, given in advance by the interested person. Plus, perhaps a list of new words appearing in each successive issue of the analytical index.

Alba had an ankle distortion skiing and her leg was plastered, <sup>(1)</sup> nothing serious, ~~though~~ Violetta has measles. <sup>(1)</sup>

Yours

Luca

L.L. Cavalli-Sforza

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